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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S. R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of December, 1947 and the six months ended December, 1947.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides a third class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives a measure of assistance to those persons who, on account of some special circumstances, cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit do not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The information contained in this bulletin has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services. The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to discontinuances and results in persons on benefit at the end of the month being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during December, 1947 and the six months ended December, 1947, are shown in the following table:-

AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING DECEMBER, 1947 AND THE
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947 : STATES

State	Benefits paid during December, 1947				Benefits paid during six months ended December, 1947			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	3,516	26,627	863	31,006	44,051	164,606	4,163	212,820
Victoria	877	15,821	3,649	20,347	12,600	108,376	6,998	127,974
Queensland	9,469	10,926	667	21,062	89,686	46,441	3,884	140,011
S.Aust. (b)	288	7,138	385	7,811	3,085	41,318	1,870	46,273
W.Australia	2,145	4,058	289	6,492	25,280	29,633	2,427	57,340
Tasmania	179	3,062	185	3,426	1,971	20,830	1,075	23,876
TOTAL:	16,474	67,632	6,038	90,144	176,673	411,204	20,417	608,294

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

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The following table shows for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, and for the months December, 1946 to December, 1947, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT -
YEARS 1945-46 AND 1946-47 AND MONTHS FROM DECEMBER, 1946
TO DECEMBER, 1947

AUSTRALIA

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
" 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1946 - December	9,608	324	2,905	707	197	38	12,710	1,069	13,779
1947 -									
January	6,649	170	3,018	656	108	20	9,775	846	10,621
February	5,903	165	3,412	909	116	24	9,431	1,098	10,529
March	5,072	196	4,661	1,293	119	37	9,852	1,526	11,378
April	4,275	145	3,308	802	82	21	7,665	968	8,633
May	4,231	217	5,056	1,345	157	46	9,444	1,608	11,052
June	2,670	117	3,852	1,008	70	21	6,592	1,146	7,738
July	2,589	136	5,499	1,515	187	94	8,275	1,745	10,020
August	2,134	111	5,822	1,576	139	66	8,095	1,753	9,848
September(a)	1,440	67	4,609	1,261	125	46	6,174	1,374	7,548
October (a)	1,564	47	4,284	1,293	100	66	5,948	1,406	7,354
November(a)	1,596	62	4,912	1,454	106	47	6,614	1,563	8,177
December(a)	1,714	48	2,743	822	785	127	5,242	997	6,239
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
" 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1946 - December	5,084	176	2,744	735	78	19	7,906	930	8,836
1947 -									
January	11,151	367	3,112	672	194	13	14,457	1,052	15,509
February	6,367	146	3,336	756	114	18	9,817	920	10,737
March	7,197	215	4,318	1,087	190	34	11,705	1,336	13,041
April	5,192	157	3,365	894	99	12	8,656	1,063	9,719
May	5,945	242	4,803	1,220	157	22	10,905	1,484	12,389
June	3,803	151	3,796	965	76	15	7,675	1,131	8,806
July	3,265	151	4,905	1,244	142	45	8,312	1,440	9,752
August	3,230	141	5,812	1,512	138	24	9,180	1,677	10,857
September(a)	2,091	81	4,598	1,256	142	47	6,831	1,384	8,215
October (a)	2,189	82	4,495	1,254	101	40	6,785	1,376	8,161
November(a)	1,973	75	5,381	1,570	130	41	7,484	1,686	9,170
December(a)	827	46	2,955	905	111	101	3,893	1,052	4,945
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH									
1946 -									
June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
December	16,836	495	6,687	1,800	369	210	23,892	2,505	26,397
1947 -									
January	12,334	298	6,593	1,784	283	217	19,210	2,299	21,509
February	11,870	317	6,669	1,937	285	223	18,824	2,477	21,301
March	9,745	298	7,012	2,143	214	226	16,971	2,667	19,638
April	8,828	286	6,955	2,051	197	235	15,980	2,572	18,552
May	7,114	261	7,208	2,176	197	259	14,519	2,696	17,215
June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
July	5,305	212	7,358	2,490	236	314	13,399	3,016	16,415
August	4,209	182	7,868	2,554	237	356	12,314	3,092	15,406
September(a)	3,558	168	7,879	2,559	220	355	11,657	3,082	14,739
October (a)	2,933	133	7,668	2,598	219	381	10,820	3,112	13,932
November (a)	2,556	120	7,199	2,482	195	387	9,950	2,989	12,939
December (a)	3,443	122	6,987	2,399	869	413	11,299	2,934	14,233

(a) Subject to Revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuances was notified during December, 1947 and the six months ended December, 1947, is shown in the following table:-

DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING DECEMBER, 1947
AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	P E R S O N S							
	December, 1947				Six months ended December 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	179	377	19	575	1,774	3,021	55	4,850
1 and under 2	200	646	87	933	2,044	5,141	179	7,364
2 " " 3	136	584	50	770	1,439	4,501	128	6,068
3 " " 4	88	569	15	672	1,162	4,372	89	5,623
4 " " 5	76	438	16	530	896	3,243	83	4,222
5 " " 9	178	902	25	1,105	2,320	7,315	198	9,833
9 " " 13	86	404	15	505	1,225	3,183	114	4,522
13 " " 27	143	492	26	661	1,766	3,477	143	5,386
27 and over	133	180	13	326	1,525	1,634	73	3,232
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,219</u>	<u>4,592</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>6,077</u>	<u>14,151</u>	<u>35,887</u>	<u>1,062</u>	<u>51,100</u>

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during December, 1947 and the six months ended December, 1947 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING DECEMBER, 1947 AND THE SIX
MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	December, 1947				Six months ended December 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
27 and over	10.9	3.9	4.9	5.4	10.8	4.6	6.9	6.3
13 " "	22.6	14.6	14.7	16.2	23.3	14.2	20.3	16.9
9 " "	29.7	23.4	20.3	24.6	31.9	23.1	31.1	25.7
5 " "	44.3	43.1	29.7	42.7	48.3	43.5	49.7	45.0
4 " "	50.5	52.6	35.7	51.5	54.6	52.5	57.5	53.2
3 " "	57.8	65.0	41.4	62.5	62.9	64.7	65.9	64.2
2 " "	68.9	77.7	61.2	75.2	70.0	77.3	78.0	76.1
1 " "	85.3	91.8	92.9	90.5	87.5	91.6	94.8	90.5
Less than 1	14.7	8.2	7.1	9.5	12.5	8.4	5.2	9.5

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during December, 1947 and the six months ended December, 1947 are shown below:-

REASON FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING
DECEMBER, 1947 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947
AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	December, 1947				Six months ended December 1947			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	565	46.4	2,215	48.3	7,761	54.8	19,942	55.6
Inc incapacity terminated	-	-	1,503	32.7	-	-	9,573	26.7
Failure to report (a)	463	38.0	197	4.3	4,753	33.6	1,373	3.8
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	72	5.9	63	1.4	586	4.1	437	1.2
Statutory age limit (b)	9	0.7	15	0.3	85	0.6	86	0.2
Permanent incapacity (c)	31	2.5	194	4.2	249	1.8	1,549	4.3
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	4	0.3	141	3.1	27	0.2	999	2.8
Death	1	0.1	84	1.8	14	0.1	591	1.7
Transfer to another district	36	3.0	79	1.7	258	1.8	589	1.6
Other	38	3.1	101	2.2	418	3.0	748	2.1
TOTAL	1,219	100	4,592	100	14,151	100	35,887	100

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pensions.
(c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pensions.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF DECEMBER, 1947

Total Persons

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 27th December, 1947, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 55 per 10,000 comprising 14 unemployment, 36 sickness and 5 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females separately:-

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH DECEMBER, 1947
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	18	37	5	60
Females	per 10,000 females	2	34	6	42
Persons	per 10,000 persons	14	36	5	55

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 27th December, 1947:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH DECEMBER, 1947 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Males	Females	Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females			
N.S.W. (a)	587	28	2,639	849	44	113	3,270	990	4,260
Victoria	119	8	1,650	691	725	117	2,494	816	3,310
Queensland	2,245	69	1,124	333	53	70	3,422	472	3,894
S.Australia(b)	45	2	663	217	17	35	725	254	979
W.Australia	419	15	577	210	23	39	1,019	264	1,283
Tasmania	28	-	334	99	7	39	369	138	507
TOTAL	3,443	122	6,987	2,399	869	413	11,299	2,934	14,233

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 27th December, 1947, according to age groups is shown in the following table :-

GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH DECEMBER, 1947
AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st Dec. 1947)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	103	31	504	535	54	31	661	597	1,258
20 - 24 "	247	23	638	546	257	39	1,142	608	1,750
25 - 29 "	304	22	509	289	199	29	1,012	340	1,352
30 - 34 "	271	8	535	201	97	40	903	249	1,152
35 - 39 "	268	7	647	166	86	45	1,001	218	1,219
40 - 44 "	318	7	696	177	14	57	1,028	241	1,269
45 - 49 "	371	11	759	214	5	64	1,135	289	1,424
50 - 54 "	393	6	780	159	3	63	1,176	228	1,404
55-59 "	557	6	1,021	109	5	32	1,583	147	1,730
60 years and over	611	1	898	3	149	13	1,658	17	1,675
TOTAL:	3,443	122	6,987	2,399	869	413	11,299	2,934	14,233

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING DECEMBER, 1947 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF DECEMBER, 1947

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during December, 1947 and the six months ended December, 1947 and by those who were on benefit at 27th December, 1947.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the persons being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING DECEMBER, 1947 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during December, 1947		Admitted during 6 months ended December, 1947		On Benefit at 27th December, 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Discharged or Laid Off -						
Disciplinary reasons	15	-	127	5	40	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	71	3	606	33	199	7
Power rationing	-	-	6	4	9	2
Shortage of materials	80	4	580	15	138	3
Strikes and lock-outs	18	-	250	1	34	-
Seasonal work	615	1	1,701	9	806	5
Casual work	287	1	2,271	32	533	5
Other including inadequately defined	348	13	2,407	122	796	22
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness work too heavy	229	26	1,625	167	511	52
Other quits, including inadequately defined	123	5	896	54	189	12
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	42	-	366	1	113	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	25	-	174	4	65	2
Other	3	1	28	24	10	10
TOTAL:	1,856	54	11,037	471	3,443	122

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during December, 1947 and the six months ended December, 1947 and of those on benefit at 27th December, 1947:

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING DECEMBER, 1947 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Admitted during December 1947		Admitted during six months ended December, 1947		On Benefit at 27th December 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	339	1	1,361	6	447	3
Other Primary Production	12	-	171	-	36	-
Coal Mining	13	-	217	-	29	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	40	-	258	-	60	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding	87	1	729	13	192	2
Vehicles, including aircraft	35	-	212	-	72	-
Textiles and articles of dress	16	10	109	58	41	16
Food, drink and tobacco	468	2	1,650	38	731	13
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	36	-	279	2	76	-
Other factories, including heat, light and power	70	2	500	21	138	5
Building and Construction	272	-	1,644	-	457	-
Transport and Communication	93	2	831	19	211	5
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade	124	3	1,012	74	273	10
Finance and property	12	2	75	5	27	2
Public Administration and Professional	103	11	1,026	50	348	13
Personal and Domestic Service	101	19	702	159	216	44
Other	35	1	261	26	89	9
TOTAL	1,856	54	11,037	471	3,443	122

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 27th December, 1947, in the principal industrial groups is shown in the following table :-

UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 27TH DECEMBER, 1947 : STATES

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
Agriculture, Pastoral, etc.	70	12	338	5	21	1	447
Other Primary, including mining	42	7	51	-	24	1	125
Engineering, etc. including vehicles	102	12	100	7	42	1	264
Food, Drink, etc. Factories	25	12	659	4	29	2	731
Other Factories	67	21	112	6	45	4	255
Building and Construction	77	10	314	4	45	7	457
Transport and Communication	34	14	122	3	32	6	211
Commerce and Finance	54	13	173	7	51	2	300
Public Administration and Professional (c)	58	10	214	5	58	3	348
Personal and Domestic Service	47	6	109	3	51	-	216
Other	11	2	53	1	21	1	89
TOTAL 27TH DECEMBER, 1947	587	119	2,245	45	419	28	3,443
TOTAL 28TH DECEMBER, 1946	2,699	6,106	6,380	373	1,186	92	16,836

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Includes civilians previously employed by Australian or Allied Services - N.S.W. 18, Vic. 1, Q'ld. 118, W.A. 14, Australia 151.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the six months ended December, 1947, and persons on benefit at 27th December, 1947 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during six months ended December, 1947				On Benefit at 27th December, 1947.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	579	13	1,672	125	205	5	382	23
Victoria ..	210	41	477	8	49	7	70	1
Queensland ..	2,592	89	3,736	141	795	44	1,450	25
South Australia (c) ..	102	1	58	1	38	2	7	-
Western Australia ..	1,144	25	335	27	356	10	63	5
Tasmania ..	113	-	19	-	24	-	4	-
TOTAL:	4,740	169	6,297	302	1,467	68	1,976	54

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Jonction are included in "Metropolitan".

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING DECEMBER AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 1947 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF DECEMBER, 1947.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the six months ended December, 1947, and those current at 27th December, 1947, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during six months ended December, 1947				On Benefit at 27th December, 1947.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	5,881	2,179	4,200	845	1,502	560	1,137	289
Victoria ..	4,435	1,633	2,240	567	1,056	497	594	194
Queensland ..	1,995	608	2,264	403	564	211	560	122
South Australia (c) ..	2,075	521	992	172	464	172	199	45
Western Australia ..	1,439	538	1,057	184	358	168	219	42
Tasmania ..	542	132	749	139	143	56	191	43
TOTAL:	16,367	5,611	11,502	2,310	4,087	1,664	2,900	735

(a) See footnote to table 6 (iii). (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes N.T.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 27th December, 1947, is shown in the following table.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 27TH DECEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying ..	607	20	627
Other Primary Production ..	171	-	171
Coal Mining ..	188	1	189
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	153	2	155
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding ..	967	77	1,044
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	349	14	363
Textiles and articles of dress ..	254	406	660
Food, drink and tobacco ..	477	107	584
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	290	15	305
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	619	150	769
Building and Construction ..	911	5	916
Transport and Communication ..	685	79	764
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and retail trade ..	656	430	1,086
- Finance and property ..	44	41	85
Public Administration and Professional ..	232	419	651
Personal and Domestic Service ..	365	619	984
Other ..	19	14	33
TOTAL:	6,987	2,399	9,386

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness as stated on medical certificate of persons whose admission was notified during December, 1947 and the six months ended December, 1947, abd of those on benefit at 27th December, 1947.

NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING DECEMBER, 1947
AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admitted during December 1947		Admitted during six months ended December, 1947		On Benefit at 27th December 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	200	77	1,746	498	312	163
Cancer	38	6	187	39	87	16
Other Tumours	40	33	250	182	98	58
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	194	69	1,655	533	517	228
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs..	11	21	98	128	33	53
Nervous System and Sense Organs	331	132	2,404	1,027	774	367
Circulatory System	301	51	2,294	340	878	130
Respiratory System	329	81	3,427	736	645	223
Digestive System	805	265	6,160	1,794	1,342	346
Genito-Urinary System	140	98	1,124	666	308	206
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	..	-	69	-	498	-
Skin and Cellular Tissue	194	30	1,568	360	265	62
Bones and Organs of Movement	81	21	646	160	176	66
Other Diseases (including Ill- defined conditions)	..	62	20	468	213	126
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures	333	44	2,804	301	916	122
Other Injuries, etc.	321	45	2,770	299	428	74
Operations (original disability not stated)	..	23	16	162	115	53
Other (Including not stated)	..	23	7	106	32	29
TOTAL:	3,426	1,085	27,869	7,921	6,987	2,399

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the six months ended December, 1947, and those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below. No further dissection of rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information at a later date.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - SIX MONTHS ENDED
DECEMBER, 1947 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	4,161	1,772	15,068	1,963	393	98	19,622	3,833	19.53
Victoria.	1,587	851	10,425	1,550	1,188	94	13,200	2,495	18.90
Q'ld. ..	10,501	3,943	6,317	1,047	402	149	17,220	5,139	29.84
S.A.(b) ..	264	102	4,630	870	114	30	5,008	1,002	20.01
W.A. ..	2,357	826	3,760	542	143	29	6,260	1,397	22.32
Tasmania.	181	49	1,771	209	68	20	2,020	278	13.76
TOTAL:	19,051	7,543	41,971	6,181	2,308	420	63,330	14,144	22.33

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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